



Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 16, 2011

RE: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Indiana Family Institute is a 20-year-old non-partisan public education and research organization. We firmly believe that the family is the key institution of society, and that the overall health of any state, region or nation is largely determined by the health of this bedrock institution. Accordingly, our objective is two-fold: Preserve pro-family policy already in place and pursue additional policies to strengthen Indiana families.

This understandably leads to support for policies that strengthen families in the home, at work and in the community. Too often families in rural and underserved areas are cut off from vital resources that strengthen marriages, increase job security, and ensure a bright future for their children. In addition, for many of these families, the current competitive and challenging economic climate has meant that they must travel long distances to get to work, which puts undue strain on what in many cases are already stressed families.

These families may well lack access to the technological tools that would help connect them with job and educational opportunities, health resources, and spiritual and moral supports.

The proposed merger of T-Mobile and AT&T could well help alleviate this strain, by bringing high-speed Internet to Hoosier families that need it most. Among multiple benefits, broadband will help enable telecommuting, which has important quality of life, cost and environmental benefits. Studies have shown that those who telecommute are healthier and more productive. Furthermore, telecommuting results in cost savings and less use of oil-based fuels.

We hope that you and the Commission agree that these benefits are important ones for the families and communities that need them most.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Curt Smith
President

CC: Commissioner Michael Copps
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Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker